GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN POACHING OF WATERFOWL IN CHILIKA LAKE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether poaching/hunting of waterfowl in Chilika Lake in Orissa has shown a decline since the year 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether poachers/hunters/local communities/Government and Non-Governmental Organizations have participated in the exercise;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which they have been rewarded by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) As informed by the State Government, poaching/hunting of birds has declined due to stringent anti-poaching measures and increased surveillance. The details of cases are given below -

Year	Number of cases booked			Number of offenders arrested
	Prosecution	Undetected	Total	
2000-01	4	33	37	8
2001-02	6	28	34	13
2002-03	5	53	58	9
2003-04	7	18	25	17
2004-05	7	2	9	7

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Youth Clubs, local Non Governmental Organizations, Bird Protection Committees and Fishermen`s cooperatives have been mobilized through motivation camps organized by the Chilika Wildlife Division to isolate the elements indulging in poaching and poisoning of birds.

(e) Informers are suitably rewarded by Chilika Development Authority.